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FOR AUTOMOBILES**



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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the first species of Figures 1, 2A and 2B for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-14 and 16-20 are readable on the elected species. While the Examiner has indicated that there is no generic claim, Applicants, on the other hand, believe that Claims 1 and 11 are generic to the first to fourth species.

Applicants, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

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